



Bridgeton North Carolina

Town Monthly Newsletter, February, 2017 - Happy Valentine's

41 YEARS CELEBRATED



Lieutenant K. Johnston presents the chief with his award while Mayor Rodman Williams looks on with pride.

It's not often Bridgeton Police Chief Rick Barney gets caught flat-footed, but it happened at the January Town Council meeting and there were witnesses.

In a surprise move Lt. Johnston cleverly set the trap for the unsuspecting character and with

the help of several civic-minded private citizens sprang the sting and captured the suspect.

Chief Barney was reminded of highlights from his four decade career in public safety as he added another award to his long list of appreciations. ■

Town Entry Nearer Completion



Addition of the town name Spearheaded by George Burens, we took another step forward for our new entrance on Hwy 17 took place earlier in January. Bender Signs installed our town name paid for by Bridgeton Improvement Committee in front of the United States flag. ■

The Rotary Circle



What a great year to date it's been for "the small but mighty"

Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton) Rotary Club!

The club has accomplished many of its yearly goals (the Rotary year starts 1 July and ends June 30) with the great support of our Rotary District 7720 and Area 8 clubs (greater New Bern); our host, The United Methodist Church of Bridgeton; and local Bridgeton organizations, such as the

Bridgeton Improvement Committee (BIC) and the Neighborhood Watch.

The Rotary International theme for this year is "Rotary Serving Humanity." The Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton) RC takes such a challenge to heart and pocketbook. Neuse Sunrise has provided, to date, over \$4000 to local and international charities and causes. We only can do such work with the club member's hard work and generosity; and local support. The Craven County Schools is the major receiver of donations and services with such programs as: the Dictionary Project

(all third graders in Craven County get a free dictionary); Backpack Blessing; and Bridgeton Elementary School's (BES) Fall School Supply Program; Student of the Month Program and White Christmas Program. Want to help your community and world be a better place? Be a part of the best small Rotary Club in NC, the Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton) RC. Ask us about our new Corporate Membership Plan. Call Chip Chagnon @ 636-2961 for more info.

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Cat Bulletin For Owners

Cat owners and lovers are advised that complaints have been received about the number of feral cats near the unofficial shelter on Washington St. between C & D Streets.

Please be sure if your cat is an outside or inside/outside cat the pet must wear a collar and tag or it will run the risk of being collected and removed. No true cat lover wishes that

Town Council member Boots Parker urges all cat owners and lovers to make sure their beloved family member is up to date on vaccinations and properly attired with a highly visible collar for safety concerns. ■

Town Hall Schedule

Bridgeton Town Hall will be closed February 20 for Presidents Day. The Bridgeton Board of Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 pm.

The Bridgeton Planning Board Meeting will be Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm.

The public is invited so please consider becoming involved. Bridgeton is your town. ■

Decks and Docks Opens Hardware Section



Decks and Docks has added a much needed and highly welcomed hardware department. The extent of merchandise looks to rival that in the defunct Big M.

Now Bridgeton residents have a better chance of not having to drive across the river for needed hardware items. Kudos to the owners and managers. ■

Bridgeton Businesses

Bridgeton has a website that is attempting to be a full listing of all the businesses in town. It is an effort to promote about Bridgeton.

This webpage is free of charge to any business operating in the town limits. If your business is not listed follow the link below. ■

<http://www.bridgetonbiz.com/>

Police Report

Our 2016 yearly statistical information notes over 2,100 criminal and/or traffic charges made by Bridgeton Officers. Officers conducted 1,866 property checks and over 320 calls for service. Our Officers have performed very well in the past year.



We investigated an assault at the town homes. Several arrests for DWI, one blew .20 at 5:45 PM one afternoon. We investigated and charged a store employee for stealing from her employer. Our Officers made numerous drug arrests and served warrants for other agencies. We were involved in a chase that resulted in the Highway Patrol wrecking the violator vehicle, no damage to our car.

The first of the year started off with several investigations involving stolen credit cards and an employee embezzlement case.

Reserve Officer Kenneth Heath resigned in early December.

Our Officers completed all of our yearly mandatory in-service training and provided Active Shooter Training for other local agencies at the Farm Life Elementary School in Vanceboro. ■

Police Department:

308 Bridge St.
252-637-2033 (office)
252-670-8379 (cell)
911 (emergency)

Join The Newsletter

If you have any civic events you wish to be publicized contact Elaine Bryan at Town Hall or go directly to our website: <http://www.bridgetonnc.net/> and follow the link there. Let the citizens know what they can become involved with. ■

Names To Know

Rodman Williams	<i>Mayor</i>
Elizabeth "Boots" Parker	<i>Mayor Pro-Tem</i>
John R. Chittick	<i>Commissioner (Abatement Concerns)</i>
Keith L. Tyndall	<i>Commissioner (Police Commissioner)</i>
Alan Welch	<i>Commissioner (Parks & Recreation)</i>

Rick Barney	<i>Police Chief</i>
Elaine Bryan	<i>Town Clerk/Finance Officer</i>
Melba Banks	<i>Assistant Clerk</i>
Alton Wilson	<i>Building Inspector</i>
David Fort	<i>Zoning Administrator</i>
Kevin Mullineaux	<i>Sewer Plant Operator</i>
Henry Watson	<i>Fire Inspector</i>

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